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Held at Headquarters, New York,
on Tuesday, 6 August 1991, at 12.05 p.m.

President:	Mr. AYALA LASSO	(Ecuador)
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The meeting was called to order at 12.05 p.m.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): As this is the first meeting of the Security Council for the month of August, I should like to take this opportunity to pay tribute, on behalf of the Council, to Mr. Ricardo Alarcon de Quesada, Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations, for his service as President of the Security Council for the month of July 1991. I am sure I speak for all members of the Security Council in expressing deep appreciation to Ambassador Ricardo Alarcon de Quesada for the great diplomatic skill and unfailing courtesy with which he conducted the Council's business last month. We shall remember his leadership and his valuable initiatives to make the work of the Council well known to all the Members of the United Nations.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

LETTER DATED 2 JULY 1991 FROM THE VICE-PREMIER OF THE ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETRARY-GENERAL (S/22777)

LETTER DATED 19 JULY 1991 FROM THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (S/22778)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Spanish): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

In a letter dated 2 July 1991 addressed to the Secretary-General, the Vice-Premier of the Administration Council and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea submitted the application of his country for membership in the United Nations. That letter has been circulated in document S/22777.

(The President)

In a letter dated 19 July 1991 addressed to the Secretary-General, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea submitted the application of his country for membership in the United Nations. That letter is contained in document S/22778.

Under the provisions of rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, unless the Council decides otherwise applications for membership shall be referred by the President of the Council to the Committee on the Admission of New Members. Accordingly, unless I hear a proposal to the contrary, I shall refer the applications of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea to the Committee on the Admission of New Members for examination and report.

The last sentence of rule 59 provides that the Committee shall report its conclusions to the Council not less than 35 days in advance of a regular session of the General Assembly. Moreover, the fourth paragraph of rule 60 stipulates that the Security Council should make its recommendation on the applications not less than 25 days in advance of a regular session of the General Assembly following the receipt of the applications, in order to ensure its consideration at the session.

In view of the fact that the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly is scheduled to convene on 17 September, and bearing in mind the time-limits, I propose that the Committee on the Admission of New Members meet this afternoon, 6 August, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 in order to examine the applications of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea and prepare the Committee's report to the Council. I further propose

(The President)

that the Security Council meet again on Thursday, 8 August, to consider and take a decision on the report of the Committee.

As I hear no objection, it is so decided.

The meeting rose at 12.10 p.m.